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Applicant(s): JOE W. GRAY, COLIN COLLINS, SOO IN HWANG, TONY GODFREY, DAVID KOWEL, and JOHANNA ROMMENS.

Assignee: The Regents of the University of California

Title: GENES FROM THE 20Q13 AMPLICON AND THEIR USES

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Examiner: Nancy Johnson, Ph.D. Art Unit: 1642

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 7 February 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for three months is enclosed. For the convenience of the Examiner, a list of the pending claims is attached as Appendix I.

In the Claims:

Please cancel non-elected claims 1-25, 29-36, 39-40, and 42-47 without prejudice.

Please cancel claim 41.

Please amend claims 26 and 28 as follows:

26. (Once amended) A method of screening for neoplastic cells in a sample, the method comprising:

contacting a nucleic acid sample from a human patient with a probe which hybridizes selectively to a target polynucleotide sequence comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of [SEQ. ID. No. 1, SEQ. ID. No. 2, SEQ. ID. No. 3,